

SEYFARTH SHAW LLP  
Carolyn A. Knox (SBN 181317)  
Agnes P. Leung (SBN 236635)  
cknox@seyfarth.com; aleung@seyfarth.com  
560 Mission Street, Suite 3100  
San Francisco, California 94105  
Telephone: (415) 397-2823  
Facsimile: (415) 397-8549

Attorneys for Defendants  
THE GROUP PLAN FOR NEW YORK LIFE EMPLOYEES,  
LONG TERM DISABILITY and CIGNA LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

IN AND FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LOU ANNE VARGAS

Plaintiff,

v.

CIGNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, the  
appropriate named fiduciary of the NEW YORK  
LIFE EMPLOYEE LTD PLAN, NEW YORK  
LIFE LTD PLAN

Defendant.

Case No. C06-00498 MMC

**STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]  
ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR  
DEFENDANTS TO FILE A  
RESPONSIVE PLEADING**

Plaintiff LOU ANNE VARGAS has agreed to extend the time in which Defendant THE GROUP PLAN FOR NEW YORK LIFE EMPLOYEES, LONG TERM DISABILITY ("PLAN") (erroneously sued as NEW YORK LIFE EMPLOYEE LTD PLAN) must file its responsive pleading in this matter. The summons and complaint initiating this action were first received by the PLAN on February 22, 2006. Accordingly, a responsive pleading would normally be due to the court on or before March 14, 2006. Defendant CIGNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK (erroneously sued as CIGNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY) has not yet been served with a copy of the summons and complaint. Defendants will be represented by the same counsel and seek to file one set of responsive pleadings.

///

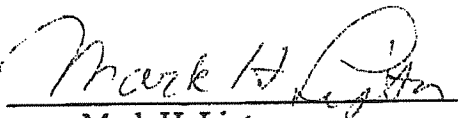
///

1 The parties have agreed that a responsive pleading will be due on or before April 14,  
2 2006, an extension of time that will not prevent the parties from complying with the Court's  
3 initial case management schedule.

4 The parties request the court's approval of this stipulation to extend time through its'  
5 signature below.

6 Dated: March 21, 2006

LIPTON HALLBAUER

7 By   
8 Mark H. Lipton

9 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
10 LOU ANNE VARGAS

11 <sup>2309</sup>  
12 Dated: March 21, 2006


SEYFARTH SHAW LLP

13 By   
14 Carolyn A. Knox

15 Attorneys for Defendants  
16 THE GROUP PLAN FOR NEW YORK  
17 LIFE EMPLOYEES,  
18 LONG TERM DISABILITY and CIGNA  
19 LIFE INSURANCE  
20 COMPANY OF NEW YORK

21 **IT IS SO ORDERED** that a responsive pleading shall be due to the court on or before  
22 April 14, 2006.

23 Dated: March 27, 2006

24   
25 Honorable Maxine M. Chesney  
26 United States District Court Judge